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Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd

Dear Admiral Byrd:

Many thanks for your letter of 1 July. I especially appreciate your cooperation in the interview in Boston, a report of which I have read with great interest.

One of the most heartening things about our work is the demonstrated willingness of such knowledgeable people as yourself in coming to our assistance when we need it.

I would like to discuss with you personally some of the matters brought up in the interview, so when you are next in Washington, I hope you can find the time to sit down and chat a while. On arrival here, kindly call my office ( ) to arrange a time mutually agreeable.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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RICHARD EVELYN BYRD



July 1, 1954.

Mr. Allen W. Dulles,  
Central Intelligence Agency,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:-

Your representative called on me in connection with the question you wanted him to ask me; and I was very happy to do all within my power to help him with facts, opinions, etc.

I want you to know that I always stand ready to give you as much time as you need in connection with any matter with which I can be of service to you in your infinitely important task.


I can particularly be of some help with Congress when some of our misguided politicians start talking about investigating your organization, which is above investigation.

Don't take your most valuable time to answer this letter. Besides, I will be in Washington soon.

With warm personal regards, and good luck with your great task,

Sincerely,

*Richard E. Byrd*

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Assistant to the Director

SUBJECT: Admiral Byrd's Opinion on Possibility  
of Soviet Nuclear Explosion in Arctic

1. By a routing slip dated 15 June 1954, you transmitted a letter from the Director with the request that it be delivered [redacted] to Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd, USN (Ret). At the same time you asked us to obtain Admiral Byrd's opinion as to whether it might be possible for the Soviets to explode a nuclear bomb in the Arctic region without detection.

2. We are attaching a memorandum [redacted] describing delivery of the letter and giving Admiral Byrd's opinion on polar regions as possible sites for Soviet nuclear explosions.

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Deputy Assistant Director for Operations

Enclosure: [redacted] Memorandum  
dated 25 June 54  
re Case 16080, 00/C

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